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From the President

I can't believe that the 2015-2016 year went by so quickly!

What a fantastic time I had meeting new people and getting more acquainted with familiar faces. I don't think I would ever have made as many friends if I had not taken on this challenge. The growth I experienced really can't be measured.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all that joined me in helping to fulfill UNOPA's mission to provide professional development opportunities to our members.

I think that becoming an active member is a great way to make new friends and help yourself grow in your job. I sincerely hope you'll become as active as you can to promote your own leadership and professional development.

Best wishes,

Jane

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/pr78>



Jane Schneider

READY, SET, GO! Moving Into the Future With a Positive Attitude

You are invited to the NEOPA Fall Workshop 2015, Friday, October 30, 2015, Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The future is here! The NEOPA Fall Workshop will be a fun and informative experience featuring relevant sessions designed to motivate and inspire us as we move forward in today's world. Featured speaker will be Rhonda Revelle, Head Coach Women's Softball, University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Make your plans today to join us at this not-to-be-missed workshop. Invite your friends so that everyone can join in the fun!

More information and registration forms will be available soon.

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Rhonda Revelle

Olive T. Ritchie Educational Office Professional of the Year

Congratulations, Barbara Homer, for being selected the 2015 Olive T. Ritchie Educational Office Professional of the Year! She was notified by MaryAnn Hollingsworth, Chair of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) Awards Committee. She will receive recognition at the Professional Standards Program (PSP) Awards Banquet at the NAEOP Conference in Buffalo, New York on Friday, July 24, 2015.

After receiving the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association (NEOPA) Educational Office Professional of the Year Award, her nomination was eligible to be submitted for competition at the national level.

Karen Fulton, her supervisor, will be attending the awards banquet on behalf of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.



Barbara Homer

Jane

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/xonu>

Secret Friends

We all know there are many benefits to being a UNOPA member. Do you know about our Secret Friends program? It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know another UNOPA member on a more personal basis.

During 2014 – 2015, we had 17 people sign up to be a secret friend. Every month (approx. October – May) you send a little something to your secret friend (guidelines state spending no more than \$10 per month), but you don't have to spend a lot, it could be a "thinking of you" card with a chocolate bar enclosed, or, whatever you fill out information on the sign up form, telling about things you like, dislike, your favorite color, etc. so you give some clues as to what you like. The committee chair(s) will take all of the forms from those who want to participate and assign you one of those members. You'll get a copy of their information, then the fun begins!

Our secret friend "reveal party" (when you bring the final gift for your secret friend and, you finally find out who's been sending you things during the year) was held on Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the party room at Panera Bread on N. 66th Street. Of course, it's hard to find a time when everyone can attend, but we had a pretty good turn out! We played a matching game, trying to match the 17 UNOPA members to the statement that applied to them. And, we had fun trying to guess who our secret friend was. When the names of those participating were shown to the group, there were a couple of people who correctly guessed who had been sending them items all year.

Diane Wasser and I were excited to be the co-chairs for this year, we had a fabulous time doing it! Here's a statement we received from one of this year's secret friends after we held the reveal party. "And it always amazes me that even though I may have known somebody for years, you really see a different side of them as a secret friend. I think if more people realized all the benefits of doing secret friends, the participation would be much higher."

I hope you'll sign up and participate in the Secret Friends program in 2015 - 2016!

Mari Greer

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/tfr3>

2015 Summer Social

The UNOPA Board is planning a Summer Social to be held Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the Newman Center/St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 320 N. 16th Street from 3-5 p.m. We'll start with a tour of the new facility from 3-4 and then have a social hour from 4-5.

An RSVP form will be sent out to you soon. We'll ask for reservations because we'd like to have some refreshments and want to know how many to plan for.

Put it on your calendar and invite some friends!

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/wrra>



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Installation of 2015-2016 UNOPA Officers

At the May 12 general meeting, new officers were installed for the 2015-2016 year and the directors that have agreed to work on President Roddy Spangler's team were introduced.

Roddy's theme for 2015-2016 is "Run to the Roar" and it promises to be a fun and exciting year for us all.

I hope that you'll take a moment to think about participating in UNOPA as an active member and take on some of the opportunities that are available for you.

There are some committee director positions left to fill on the UNOPA Executive Board. If you would like to help as a Director or be a supporting member of one of the committees please contact Roddy Spangler at 472-3989 orrspangler2@unl.edu.

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/5mo9>

